

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, March 9, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 6:30 p.m., at Belle Isle Casino, Belle Isle Park, Detroit, Michigan 48207.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton  
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

##### **Department Personnel Present**

AC Walter Martin  
DC Stacey Brackens  
DC Marshall Lyons  
DC Robert Dunlap  
DC Brenda Goss-Andrews  
DC Chester Logan  
DC Tony Saunders  
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson  
DC Joyce Motley  
DC Ralph Godbee  
DC Billy McFarley  
DC Ronald Haddad  
Cmdr. Hope Facen-Berry  
Cmdr. James Suchowski  
Cmdr. James Tolbert  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC Debra Robinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC James Tate  
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass  
Sgt. Shirley Joyner  
Sgt. Alan Quinn  
P.O. Maria Dorsey  
P.O. Eric Hill  
P.O. Sophia Nelms  
  
P.O. Colette Burks-Weathers  
P.O. Sheryl Johnson-Alexander  
P.O. Joelle Wright-Terry  
P.O. Lee Brown

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator  
Victoria Scott-Miller, Senior Inv./Comm. Relations  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Rose Gully  
Ron Scott  
Ulysses Reddock  
Rufus Fulser  
Myrtle Wright  
Charles Jackson  
Martha McIntosh  
Ramona Chewning  
Joe Ann Williams  
Sierra Fisher  
Rita Graves  
Vaner Peak  
Lula Tennant  
Theresa Hall  
Garey Sims  
Billy Dailey  
Gail Barnard  
Larry Davis  
Alma Stallworth  
Reverado Edwards  
Amzie Griffin  
Sarah Carr  
Susan Hall  
Yolanda McCants  
Chemeirel Carter  
B. Roberts  
Jeanie Lyle  
Jvonne Givens  
Allen Mayfield  
Sharon Sexton  
Yvonne Catchings  
Robert Clauson  
Eugene Slappy  
Faith Brown

May Smith  
Stephanie Milledge  
Luther Robinson  
Sarah Tolbert  
Rosetta Willis  
Bernice Leatherwood  
Gloria Boone  
Gerald Underwood  
Vera Jackson  
Harriette Scott  
Isaiah Lunchs  
Hildred Ruffin  
Lewis Lemmet  
Rev. Louis Forsythe  
Carol Lewis  
Shirley Burch  
Sandra Hines  
Thomas Edwards  
Eddie James  
Chaka Johnson  
Virgil Fiss  
Samuel Black  
Patricia White  
Fred McCants  
Annie Atanian  
Della Verison  
Mary Walker  
Julie Giroux  
Mattie Goshier  
Pastor Mary Brown  
Anne Scott  
Ava Paylor  
Marianne Geeire  
Veta Didlake

LeCoirthia Rule  
Yolanda Smith  
Feisal Brown  
Sarah Clark  
Barbara Lackey  
Walter Harrison  
Sharon Shellman  
Michael Richard  
Edward Moore  
Gloria Hopkins  
Cynthia Noz  
Denise Sinclair  
Charles Hall  
Brenda Murphy  
Perry Calhoun  
J.L. Tailson  
Anna Thomas  
Dora Hatcher  
Raynard Rainer  
Michael Rain  
Edith Lee-Payne  
Karl Kurz  
Magnolia Miller  
Sheryl Ross  
L. Roberts  
Arquilla Patterson  
Juanita Williams  
Leon Moore  
Jackie Aye  
Rosalee Smith  
James Slaughter  
Baynard Dinkins  
Sarah Campbell  
Barbara Johnson

Tania Walton  
Jeffery Kay  
Kyra Joiner  
Abdullah Azum  
Jullian Sexton

Valena Marshall  
Al Muhammad  
Christian Dorsey  
Carl Ramsey  
Harriet Scott

Theus Weathers  
Victoria Joyner  
Royal Catering  
Che-Lin Aldridge  
Donald Johnson

## **RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Ramirez** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:50 pm.

**Chairperson Ramirez** acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

**Chairperson Ramirez** thanked Ms. Alicia Minter, Park Manager of Belle Isle and the Casino, for hosting this community meeting.

**A. Minter** thanked the Board of Police Commissioners and the Northeastern District for choosing Belle Isle Casino for its meeting.

**Chairperson Ramirez** acknowledged State Representative Hansen Clark, Commissioner Jewel Ware, Chairwoman of Wayne County Commissioners, Gail Barnard and Anna Thomas (Ombudsman Office), Lori Waddles (former Board employee), and Don Johnson President of City Wide Public Relations who were in attendance.

She thanked Sgt. Joyner for her hard work in making this meeting happen.

**Comm. Holley** read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Thursday, March 2, 2006

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### **3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

**Deputy Chief Dunlap** recognized Retired Sgt. Sylvia Hubbard and Ms. Mildred Kyles with their resolutions and awards that were previously approved.

**Sgt. Hubbard** thanked everyone for recognizing her.

**Ms. Kyles** thanked everyone for recognizing her.

#### **RESOLUTIONS HONORING MRS> YOLANDA McCANTS**

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Yolanda McCants is a longtime resident of the city of Detroit; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. McCants served the youth of Detroit as a Public Safety Officer with the Detroit Board of Education, retiring only to continue serving her community in many capacities; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. McCants is an organizer of the McDausher Community Organization that has as a main goal, the clean up of Brimson & Carrie Park. She spear headed the demolition of eyesores located at 711 Brimson and 7119 Carrie Street in Detroit; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. McCants, a community activist, regularly attends the Youth and Sport Recreation Commission meetings and is currently a member of the Northeastern District Police Community Council where she works on several committees; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. McCants' presence and charitable spirit is felt throughout her neighborhood where she serves as the "taxi" driver, driving seniors to doctors' appointments, neighbors to the bank, and children to school. She also finds the time to network with her neighbors about community information she receives from the District.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the dedication and generosity of Mrs. Yolanda McCants. Her exemplary and selfless service in improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mrs. Yolanda McCants.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson  
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley  
Vice

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS /s/ Arthur Blackwell, II  
March 9, 2006 Commissioner

**Cmdr. James Suchawski** presented Ms. McCants with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

**Ms. McCants** thanked everyone for recognizing her.

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

#### **RESOLUTION HONORING MR. STEVE WASKO**

**WHEREAS** Mr. Steve Wasko is a longtime resident of Detroit and a recent graduate of the Detroit Police Department's Citizen Police Academy; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Wasko is currently President of REAL – the Riverfront East Alliance – and, as such, is active in the preservation of historic buildings and our Detroit heritage, which includes engagement in the riverfront projects and partnerships with the Detroit Economic Group to enable some historic buildings to be saved; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Wasko is also the current President of the Indian Village Neighborhood Association where he has been instrumental in creating a security plan with a private company to work in conjunction with our Detroit Police Force. As president, Mr. Wasko initiated and now participates in regular monthly meetings with the local districts and has brought in police commanders, officers and local politicians for forums and information sharing; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Wasko is an active member of the Northeastern District Police Community Council, former board member of BUOY-7 (Business United with Officers and Youth, and former Trustee for Think Detroit, an organization dedicated to the Detroit youth through technology, sports programs and active mentoring; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Wasko was a director of the overall media relations program for the Hunger Action Coalition of Michigan's World Food Day 2000-2001 campaign; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Wasko served on the Detroit Board of Education Transition Team as a co-chair for the Communications in 2005, and is currently serving on the Mayor's Transformation Committee for Communications.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the many contributions and selfless service of Mr. Steve Wasko. His dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. Steve Wasko.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE**  
**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS** /s/ Arthur Blackwell, II  
March 9, 2006 Commissioner

**Ms. Givens** accepted the Resolution and the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of Mr. Wasko and stated that he was very appreciative of the awards.

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	28	239
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	29	212

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 21 cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 3 cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned 3 cases to OCI.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

March 9, 2006

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*

### ***“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”***

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

#### **Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement**

#### **Homicide**

During the period of February 27, 2006 through March 5, 2006, Narcotics /Gang Enforcement conducted 30 search warrants and 32 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 41 Felony arrests
  - 91 Misdemeanor arrests
  - 5 Juvenile arrests
  - 579.9 grams of cocaine, 174.7 grams of heroin, and 1,986.90 grams of marijuana, street value
  - **\$554,677.60**
  - **\$427,358.00** in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 15 Handguns

On March 1st, officers of the Central District responded to the 2700 block of W. Grand Blvd. on a “Baby Not Breathing” report. An investigation revealed that a man squeezed the infant until he became unresponsive. **As a result of the investigation, the man was arrested without incident and charged with “Felony Murder” and “Child Abuse First Degree.”**

#### **Special points of interest:**

##### **• Next meeting:**

Thursday, March 16, 2006  
@3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Headquarters**  
1300 Beaubien, Suite 328A  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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#### **Domestic Violence**

On March 1st, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 9100 block of Witt on a “Felonious Assault/ Domestic Violence” run. An investigation revealed that a man assaulted a female, forced her into a vehicle, put a handgun to her head and threatened to kill her. **As a result of the investigation, the man was arrested without incident and charged with “Aggravated Domestic Violence,” “Felonious Assault.”** Confiscated was a handgun.





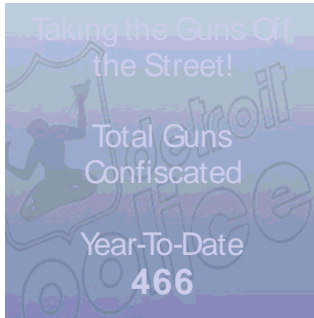
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## *Police / Community Intervention*

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### Eastern District

On March 1st, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 13900 block of Harper on a "Robbery," run. An investigation revealed that two men robbed a woman and escaped in a vehicle. Subsequent to the investigation, two men and a female were arrested without incident and charged with "Robbery."



### Northeastern District

On March 1st, a man was charged with "Robbery Armed," "Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm," and "Felonious Assault," as a result of an investigation that happened on February 24th, where officers of the Northeastern District were patrolling the area of Forest and Maxwell, when they were flagged down by a man who had been robbed.

### Central District

On March 3rd, officers of the Central District responded to the 2700 block of Chrysler Service Drive on a "Person with a Weapon" run. The officers observed a man, who had a handgun protruding from his pants pocket, running up stairs. As a result of the investigation, the man was arrested without incident and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." Confiscated was a handgun.

### Western District

On March 1st, officers of the Western District were patrolling the area of Savery and Atkinson, when they observed a vehicle speeding. The officers observed the driver exit the vehicle and remove a handgun from his waistband, then toss it on a porch. Subsequent to the investigation, the driver was arrested without incident and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon-Motor Vehicle."



### Southwestern District

On March 2nd, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the area of Cicotte and Dennis on an "Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile/Victim Holding Person at Scene" run. An investigation revealed that the owner left his vehicle running and when he returned, the vehicle was missing. While enroute to make the stolen vehicle report, the owner spotted the vehicle, followed it, then detained the driver until the officers arrived. As a result of the incident, two men were arrested without incident and charged with "Possession of a Stolen Vehicle." The vehicle was released to the owner.



### Northwestern District

On March 1st, two men were charged with "Assault With Intent to Commit Murder," "Assault With Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm Less Than Murder," "Felon in Possession," "Felonious Assault," "Felony Firearm," and "Habitual 2nd." On February 25th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 11300 block of Mansfield on a "Shooting" run. An investigation revealed that a man was shot after an argument. On February 28th, officers detained two men identified as the shooters. Recovered and confiscated was a handgun.

**AC Martin** introduced a two minute video from Chief Ella M. Bull-Cummings, recognizing the excellent job by the police department during the Super Bowl.

## **6. PRESENTATION/REPORT – NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT**

**DC Dunlap** gave a brief overview of the Northeastern District and current endeavors. He also introduced his staff members.

The Western District encompasses 28.16 square miles and has approximately 172,000 people.

He stated the Western District has achieved the following accomplishment: reduced crime by 10 % and reduced response time, reduced response time to calls for service, increased community partnership, accelerated compliance of the two federal Consent Decrees, developed and implemented a plan to increase police visibility, and implemented crucial department technology.

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Comm. Holley** asked about the 30-minute foot patrol.

**DC Dunlap** stated the Northeastern District did not participate in the pilot program, but they do have foot beats in certain areas.

**Comm. Holley** asked if the pilot program was city-wide.

**DC Dunlap** stated yes, but only for the hot spot areas with major crimes.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated you didn't mention anything about the Radio Patrol.

**DC Dunlap** stated we have the Downtown Radio Patrol, Mt. Olive Radio Patrol, and Bangley Radio Patrol.

**Comm. Holley** asked can we have each Radio Patrol president come up and speak?

**DC Dunlap** introduced the following representatives: Mr. Allen Mayfield of MORS Radio Patrol, Mr. Abdullah Azum of Bangley Radio Patrol, and Mr. Sam Black of the Downtown Radio Patrol.

**Comm. Holley** stated we want to show our appreciation for the radio patrols.

**DC Dunlap** stated they know that we appreciate and need them.

**A. Mayfield** asked his members to stand and thanked the Northeastern District for allowing him to get involved; he thanked the officers of that district for all their support.

**A. Azum** stated the northeastern District came to the Mosque and asked for them to get involved and help support their neighborhood by volunteering.

**S. Black** asked for his members to stand, he thanked DC Dunlap and Cmdr. Quinn for helping Downtown Radio Patrol find a new home for its headquarters; and they are looking for more volunteers.

**DC Dunlap** recognized Mr. O'Neal Johnson for helping in the arrest of a hit and run. He followed the vehicle and got the license plate number and the address and gave it to the Northeastern District.

**Chairperson Ramirez** commended DC Dunlap on his relationship with the community.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **DISCIPLINARY APPEALS ARGUED**

**Police Officer Carlton Orange**  
**Badge 4440**

**BPC 05-004D**

#### **Charges**

**I.** Failure to Provide the Department with Maximum Attendance, one specification; **II.** Willful Disobedience of Rules or Orders, one specification.

#### **Trial Board Decision and Penalty**

Accepted the officer's guilty pleas.

Issued an Official Reprimand.

#### **(Chief's Decision)**

Adopted Recommendation of the Trial Board.)

#### **Recommendation**

**Uphold the decision of the Trial Board/Chief, but backdate the reprimand to October 7, 2003.**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Police Officer Roger A. Sims**  
**Badge 2856**

**BPC 05-007D**

**Charge**

I. Willful Disobedience of Rules or Orders, one specification.

**Trial Board Decision  
and Penalty**

Found guilty.

Issued an Official Reprimand

**(Chief's Decision**

Adopted Recommendation of the Trial Board.)

**Recommendation**

**Uphold the decision of the Trial Board/Chief, but backdate the reprimand to September 2, 2003.**

**MOTION:** Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**AC Martin** thanked DC Dunlap for a great presentation.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, March 16, 2006 @ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Police Headquarters, Room 328-A**  
**1300 Beaubien**  
**Detroit, MI 48226**

**9. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**D. Johnson** thanked all of the Deputy Chiefs for pulling together and allowing the community relations organizations to become part of the districts.

**L. Waddles** stated she is concerned as to whether or not African Americans are receiving justice at 36<sup>th</sup> District Court, she is running for that office.

**Comm. Holley** stated to the audience, if you have a concern with the police department this is the time to express it.

**J. Sexton** stated she is the Chairman of the Helen Street Report. It's a program that shows how to survive in the City of Detroit.

**A. Mayfield** stated we must continue to support the police department and continue to keep our city clean.

**C. Aldridge** stated before the merger of precincts she and her neighbors used to see officers patrol their street and now they don't.

**AC Martin** stated to Ms. Aldridge that DC Dunlap will meet with her after the meeting.

**A. Brown** asked about the armed guard in the Public Schools and how that is going to work.

**AC Martin** stated that is the Detroit Public School program and not the police department. He stated he would get her a telephone number to speak to someone about her concerns.

**Comm. Holley** stated the public schools have their own security department.

**A. Brown** stated she thought there was a relationship when the DPS stated they were hiring laid-off Detroit Police Officers.

**M. Muhammad** stated the neighbors in the community need to communicate with each other.

**R. Scott** stated we need to continue to speak the truth about public safety. He also stated he's glad the Northeastern District is investigating the incident in which a citizen was beaten up.

**S. Hines** stated we must focus on what is right and not who is right.

**Comm. Hampton** congratulated Officer Maria Dorsey's son (Christian Dorsey) on graduating from Hampton University.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**